Cost over-runs for expansion of Bokaro Steel Plant

1467. SHRI KAILASHPATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the time and cost over-runs of expansions plans for Bokaro and Bhilai Steel Plants and whether the SAIL has been asked to fix responsibility for the same; if so, the progress made so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the major reasons for over-runs has been the delay in supply of plan and equipments by major, manufacturers and suppliers and also defective equipments supplied by them, requiring extensive rectification work; and

(c) if so, the names of such manufacturers/suppliers and penalty imposed in each case according to the effective clauses in the contracts and steps taken for future in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Cost and time over-runs of Bokaro and Bhilai Steel Plants have been as under:—

	Original sanctioned cost estimate	Present likely cost estimate
Bokaro expansion from 1.7 mt. to 4 mt. sanctioned in May, 1978.	Rs. 947.24 crores (Base prices III quarter 1974).	Rs. 2069.78 crores (Base prices IV quarter 1986).
Bhilai expansion from 2.5 mt to 4 mt. sanctioned in February, 1978.	Rs. 937.7 crores (Base prices I quarter 1974).	Rs. 2145.5 crores (Base prices III quarter 1985).
Schedules of commissioning	Original	Likely
Bokaro Expansion	December, 1982	May, 1988
Bhilai Expansion	December, 1981	September, 1988

The delay analysis indicate that these delays have been caused due to factors which have mostly been beyond the control of the project authorities and on account of the performance of various manufacturers and suppliers and executing agencies. In such a complex pattern of activities, total responsibility cannot be fixed on any single authority/agency.

(c) The following equipment suppliers have been responsible for delays in these expansions plans:—

1. Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd. (HEC).

2. Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation (MAMC).

3. Garden Reach Shipping Engineers Ltd. (GRSEL).

4. Engineers Projects (India) Ltd. (EPI).

5. Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Limited (MECON).

6. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL).

7. Jessop and Company Ltd. (JESSOPS).

8. Braithwaite and Company Ltd. (BRAITHWAITE).

9. Siemens.

10. Larsen and Toubro.

11 Elecon.

12. English Electric.

13. Voltas.

14. K. C. P. Ltd.

Provisional deductions on account of liquidated damages deemed appropriate by SAIL have been made from the suppliers bills. However, final deductions will be decided at the time of final settlement of the various contracts.

Survey Regarding Illegal Construction in Delhi

1468. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to identify the illegal constructions in various parts of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the zone-wise details in this regard;

(c) whether the illegal constructions if not stopped at the initial stages are likely to be difficult to be demolished after the construction is completed; and

(d) if so, the circumstances under which the illegal constructions were not checked at the initial stages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Identification of Lead Fertilizer Suppliers at District Level

1469. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any system for identifying lead fertilizer suppliers at district level;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what programme Government have formulated for assessment of fertilizer requirement, compilation of statistics of its consumption and strategy for fertiliser promotion and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b): Yes Sir. The Government have evolved a system of Lead Fertilizer Supplier from Rabi 1986-87, where State Governments have been asked to nominate a Lead Fertilizer supplier for each district and for the State.

(c) Under this system the district lead suppliers, have been asked to prepare an action plan for development of fertilizer use in the district by organising block demonstrations, training of farmers and fertilizer dealers, opening of additional retail outlets and strengthening of soil testing facilities. They will also assist the State Governments in the assessment of fertilizer requirement, compilation of statistics regarding fertilizer consumption and opening stocks.

Selection of Feature Films

1470. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that policy for the selection of feature films for telecast in both Hindi and Regional languages had been revised recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some prominent persons have been